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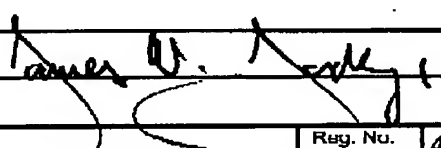
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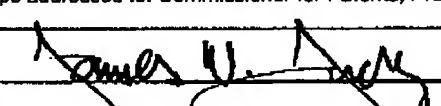
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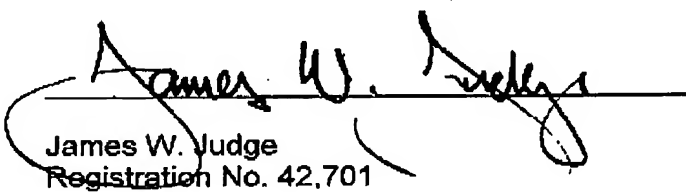
Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 5, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group 1, to which claims 1-11, 17 and 18 are drawn. Consonant with this election, Applicant also provisionally elects the species of Figs. 1-3 and 5. It is believed that claims 1-3, 7-10, 17 and 18 read on the elected species. (This response is without traverse.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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